### LAW ENFORCEMENT SUB COMMITTEE September 5, 2017

The Law Enforcement Sub Committee did not provide a report to the Council on Tuesday since we have not met since the last Council meeting. The sub-committee will reconvene September 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am until 12:00pm to discuss recommendations made to the Council at the last meeting and to solicit new recommendations from the group. Also, I've attached a list of the recommendations made at the last Council meeting for interested parties to review. I believe our recommendations to the new Council will not change dramatically. See next attachment. Thanks.

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## Alabama Council on Opioid Misuse and Abuse



#### Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee

Mission: Develop goals and objectives to address opioid and heroin abuse in agencies across the criminal justice system and coordinate these strategies to support the overall plan.

Educate law enforcement regarding the epidemic of opioid misuse and abuse that may lead to criminal behavior.

ADMH and ALEA will partner to provide training to officers regarding the science behind opioid addiction, and how to assist offenders in accessing treatment. ALEA to explore using Drug Recognition Experts (DREs) to train officers to identify intoxicated individuals.

Educate criminal justice agencies, including the judiciary, in Needs Improvement—Area of Focus—Judicial College and applying evidence-based practices for opioid dependent criminal-justice involved defendant to reduce recidivism.

the Judges Conference Education Committee to be contacted. Need to Provide Request for Proposals (RFPs).

Explore possibilities for improved intergovernmental cooperation in narcotics investigations.

ADECA Grant—working with ALEA to provide assistance to rural and small LE agencies with narcotic surveillance and intelligence gathering targeted at taking dealers off the streets - roll-out by October 1.

Ensure access to Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) as an option in treatment courts.

Adult treatment courts have been sent the link to NDCI's 9 module training for MAT and training continues at both annual conferences geared toward treatment courts.

Use recently approved substance abuse screening protocols for community corrections and probation and parole to identify persons at risk of overdose and in need of making referrals during assessments. MAT including Naloxone.

Pardons and Paroles recently received training from ADMH in the use of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Screeners for

Divert persons arrested for opioid related crimes into treatment across the criminal justice continuum including drug courts.

At the discretion of local District Attorney's drug offenses are eligible for participation in drug courts, with the exception of distribution, trafficking, and manufacturing., pursuant to the Alabama Drug Offender Accountability Act No. 754

# The Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee Recommended Areas of Focus

Providing education to Law Enforcement and the Judiciary through a partnership with the Alabama Department of Mental Health.

The use of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) within ADOC, Pardons and Paroles Programming, and other diversion programs.

Engaging the administrators of colleges and universities to encourage campus police departments to become collaborative partners in the effort to combat the opioid crisis in Alabama.

Introducing 2 items of legislation for the 2018 Legislative Session:

Decrease the amount of Fentanyl possession for a trafficking charge.

Add a separate court cost to charges involving opioids to offset cost of treatment and prevention.